THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (f) The proposal for Voluntary Retirement Scheme submitted by Indian Airlines is under consideration of the Government.

New Cell at Airports

4037. SHRI B.J. PANDA :

MISS MABEL REBELLO :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to set up a new Cell at the airports to oversee planning, development and upgradation of the airports;

(b) if so, the details of revamping plan, with special focus on security aspects; and

(c) whether this will cover some selected airports, if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) to (c) Airports Authority of India has set up an Airport Development cell in December 2002 for development of non metro airports with the basic objective to upgrade the airports with latest technology by private sector involvement. It envisages commercial development of city side facilities at airports. Development of air side areas and activities will continue to be with Airports Authority of India. Security and safety will be as per the instructions issued by the Government from time to time. Airports Authority of India proposes to participate in joint ventures with private investors for development of passenger terminals and other city side facilities at these airports. The development of the targeted airports will be on the basis of world class global design and Expression of Interests have been invited in this regard.

Open Sky Policy

4038. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Andhra Pradesh has urged upon Government to go in for open sky policy to boost tourism and generate investment and employment; and

(b) if, so, the details thereof and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) Andhra Pradesh Government has approached Government of India regarding adoption of an open sky policy. The